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LOVE MATHEMATICAL.

BY CAPTAIN ROBERT C. GILLIES.

A was a *constant* of the sterner sex
Though somewhat *arbitrary*:
He burned with a passion for the sweet Miss X
Who often proved contrary.
She was a *variable*, need we say ?
And very *independent*;
Though weird was her *locus*, always A
Was her faithful, sure attendant.

Now, A had a rival by the name of Y ,
Whose actions were distressing:
Miss X he seemed to *be governed by*,
Respect to her confessing.
Often a *radical* but mostly *square*
He wooed her with great unction:
So that love between A and his lady fair
Was a *discontinuous function*.

A had two friends, young B and C ,
To whom for consolation
He went in his great anxiety
To solve this hard *equation*.
"I don't like the sound of $XY + A$,
 $AX - Y$ would be better;
To *eliminate* Y I have tried all day,
Confound the pesky letter."

No way could B see, but C happened to be
Of guile a great *exponent*;
"It is not *complex* to annex Miss X
And to vanquish your opponent.
Get her to marry you, if not to-day,
Next time you have a chance, sir;
 Y *vanishes*, you know, when $X = A$
So there you have your answer."

B added, "Yes, that is the *rational* way,
If we must be *explicit*;
Just do as we say and *implicit* obey
And success? You cannot miss it.

To have a sweet mate is a happy state,
 Celibacy is privative;
 When wed you *integrate* and *co-ordinate*
 And joy's the *first derivative*."

A granted that C's was a clever ruse:
 "You're an *acute* observer;
 I may be *obtuse*, but there is no use,
 I love her with true fervor;
 She's of *normal form* and *great symmetry*,
 But this is my position:
 The *witch is irrational*, Q.E.D:
 I've *proved my proposition*."

PRINCETON, N. J.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

BY HENRY POLK LOWENSTEIN.

Ah! who shall write his history;
 And who shall tell his story?
 And who shall name his victory?
 And who shall mark his glory?

He served no master but himself,
 And used the chast'ning rod;
 He feared no party, power nor pelf,
 His only Conqueror, God.

Of all great men in this great age,
 In God's most wond'rous plan,
 He stands as warrior, seer and sage,
 THE GREAT AMERICAN.

(Dedicated to Quentin Roosevelt, who fell in France bravely fighting
 for his country.)